

# Personal Recognition Based on Facial Information

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- Fingerprints, lip-motion
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# About Halmstad University

## School of Information Science Computer and Electrical Engineering

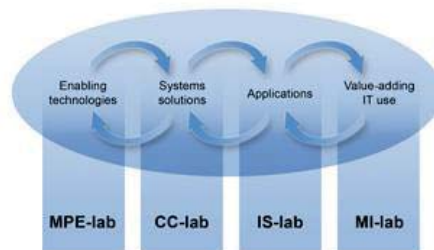
Largest research environment at Halmstad University

85 people from 20 nationalities

Organized in 4 different laboratories:

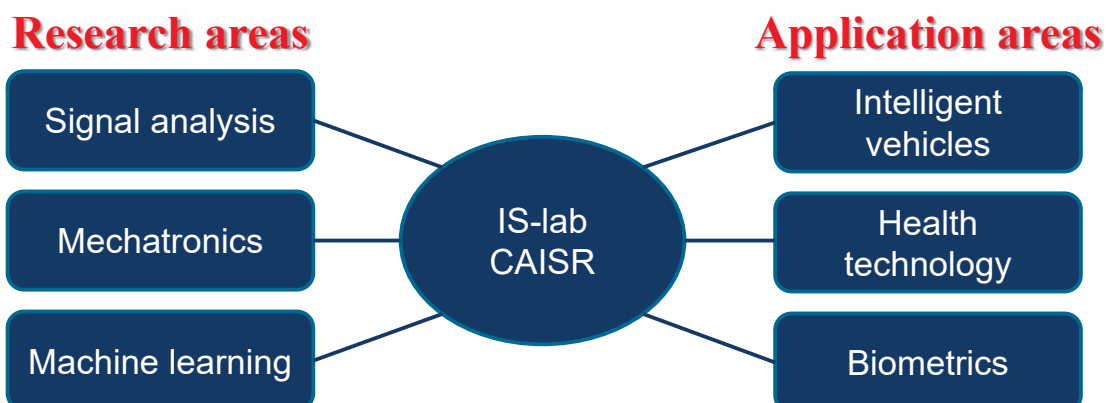
- **Computing and Communication** (CC-lab)
- **Man and Information technology** (MI-lab)
- **Mathematics, Physics and Electrical engineering** (MPE-lab)
- **Intelligent Systems / Centre for Applied Intelligent Systems Research**

(IS-lab/CAISR)



# About Halmstad University

## Intelligent Systems laboratory (IS-lab/CAISR)



# Biometrics Research

Well-recognized group in Sweden, with international impact

With funding from:

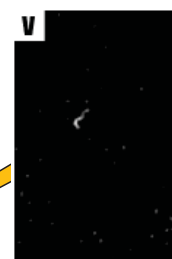
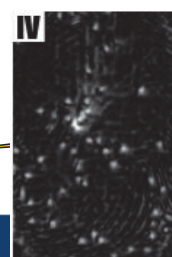
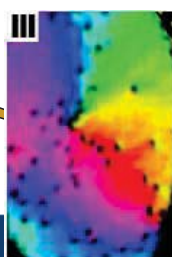
- **Swedish Research Council** (postdoctoral grant, project grants)
- **EU FP6/FP7**
  - Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship (2011-2013)
  - BIOSECURE Network of Excellence (2004-2007)
  - BBfor2 Marie Curie Initial Training Network (2010-2014)
- **EU COST Actions** IC1106 and 275

And research in topics including:

- Fingerprints, iris, face, lip-motion
- Quality analysis
- Multibiometrics
- Liveness detection



## Fingerprints



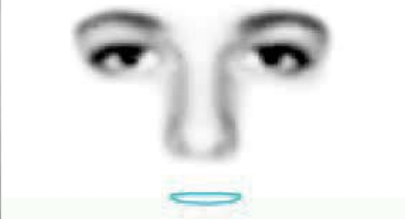
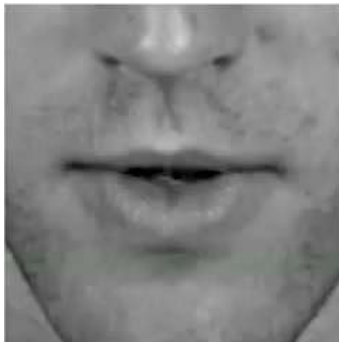
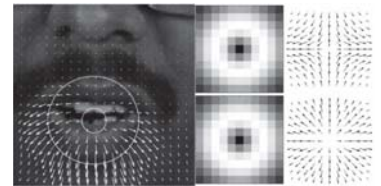
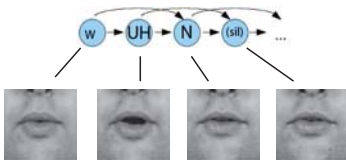
- ☐ Image quality estimation and enhancement
- ☐ Orientation extraction
- ☐ Detection of “prominent” points
- ☐ Identity by fingerprints
- ☐ Forensics analysis

# Lip Motion Analysis

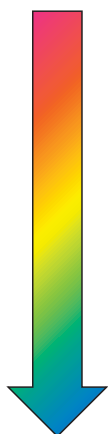
❑ Lip-motion dynamics

❑ Use:

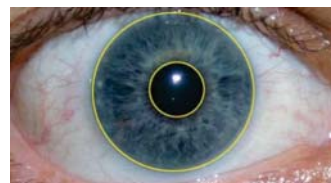
- Person recognition
- Liveness assessment
- Lip-reading, speech analysis
- Avatar emulation (face synthesis)



# Personal Recognition based on Facial Information

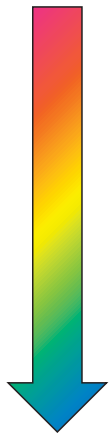


- Iris Analysis
- Periocular Analysis
- Face Analysis

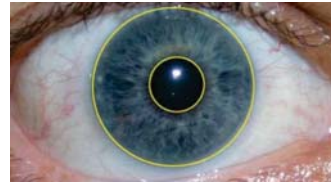




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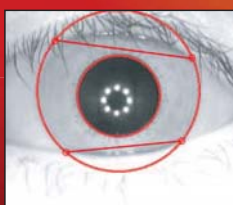
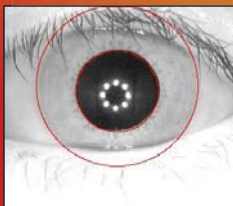
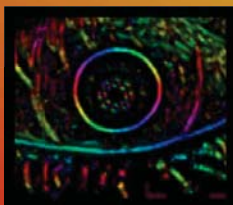
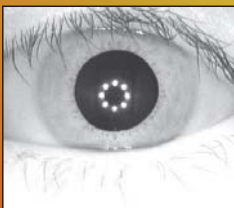


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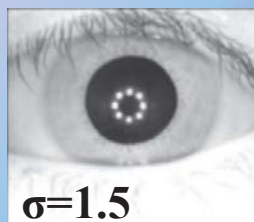


## Iris Analysis

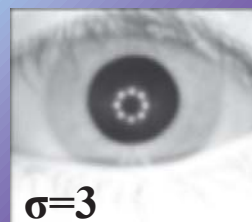
- ☐ Iris detection and segmentation
- ☐ Image quality analysis
- ☐ Identity by iris



### defocus blur



$\sigma=1.5$



$\sigma=3$

### Edge sharpness

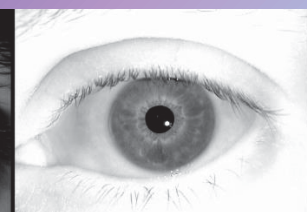
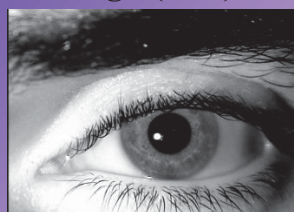


Pupil: 40.17  
Sclera: 99.77

### Gray level variability

high (0.78)

low (0.29)



# Iris Segmentation using Symmetry Filters (GST)

Hue: direction  
Saturation: magnitude

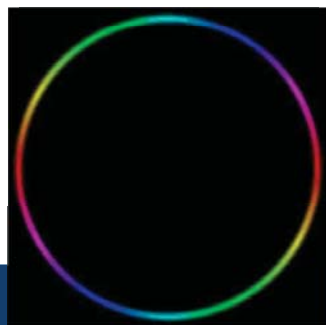
## The Generalized Structure Tensor (GST)

- ❖ GST is a **feature matrix/vector** that can be represented by one complex,  $I_{20}$ , and one real valued,  $I_{11}$ , measurement:

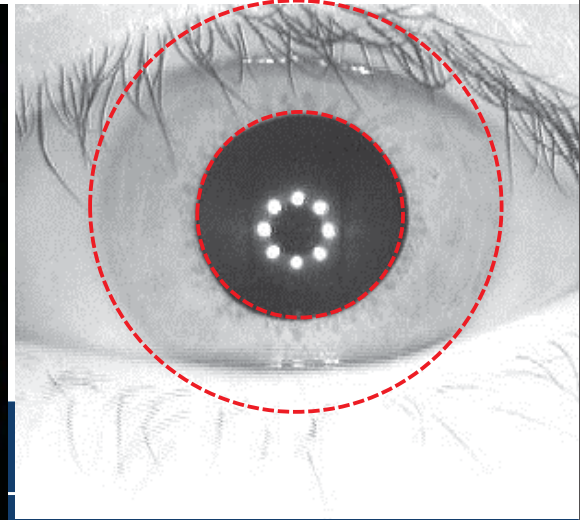
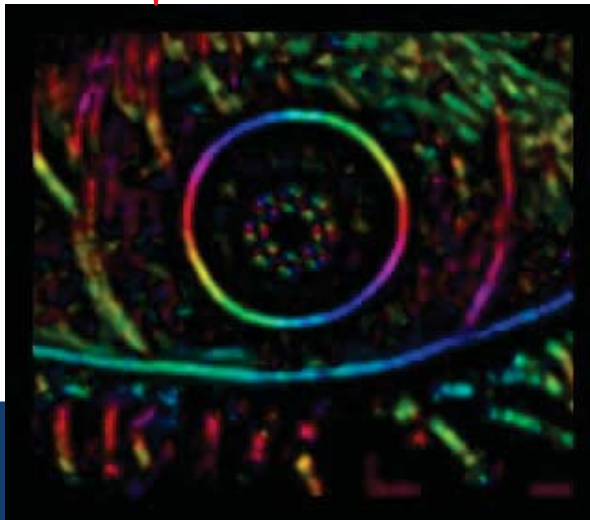
$$I_{20} = \sum_p c[p] (f_x[p] + if_y[p])^2$$

$$I_{11} = \sum_p |c[p]| |(f_x[p] + if_y[p])^2|$$

(complex)  
circular filter



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## Iris Segmentation using the GST

### The Generalized Structure Tensor (GST)

- ❖ The circular filter is an example of **symmetry filters**, designed to detect points with certain symmetry (circular, parabolic, linear...)



- Magnitudes  $I_{20}$  and  $I_{11}$  encode the evidence of the sought symmetry

- Apart from **correlation of edge magnitudes**, the filter takes into account the **direction of edges** (by encoding its expected orientation), so any disagreement in the direction will be penalized

- ❑ Not exploited by other edge-based methods (Daugman, Wildes)

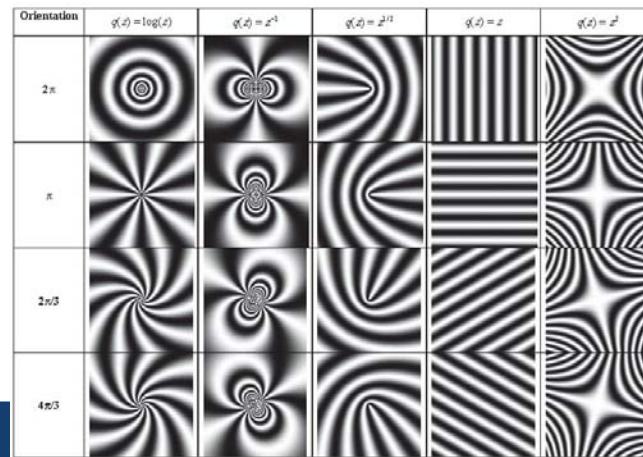


All boundary pixels contribute equally (**do not penalize**) the detection of circles

# Detection Tasks Using Symmetry Filters

**Symmetry filters:** family of filters (computed from symmetry derivatives of Gaussians) to detect **position and orientation of symmetric patterns** such as lines, circles, parabolas, stars...

- For each family of symmetric patterns, there is an **appropriate symmetry filter** suitable to detect the **whole family**
- The maximum in the filter response (magnitude of  $I_{20}$ ) gives **evidence** of the sought symmetry pattern, and the argument of  $I_{20}$  at maxima locations gives the

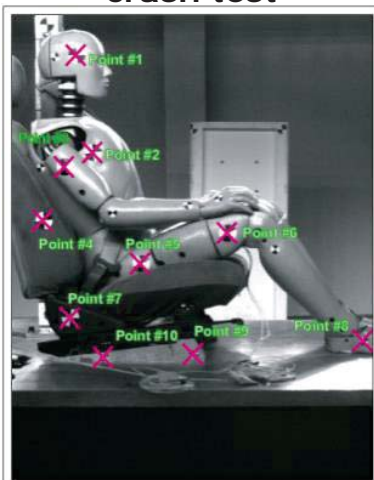


**orientation**  
of the pattern

# Detection Tasks Using Symmetry Filters

**Symmetry filters** have been successfully applied to a wide range of detection tasks

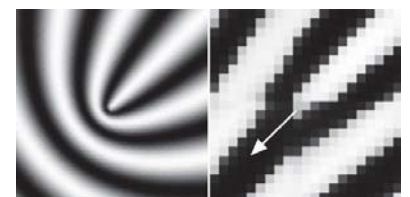
crash test



robot tracking



Fingerprint minutiae

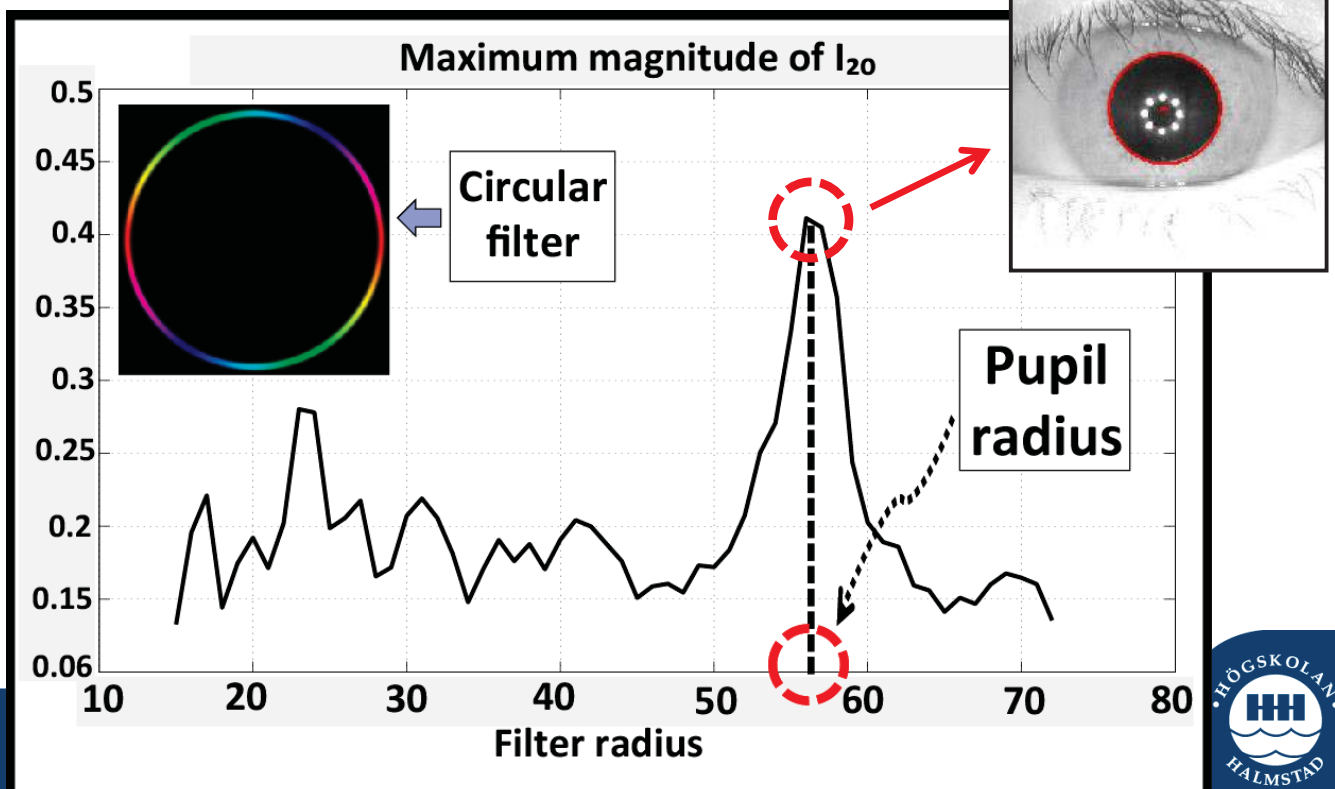




# Iris Segmentation using the GST

$$I_{20} = cf * \left( \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \right)^2$$

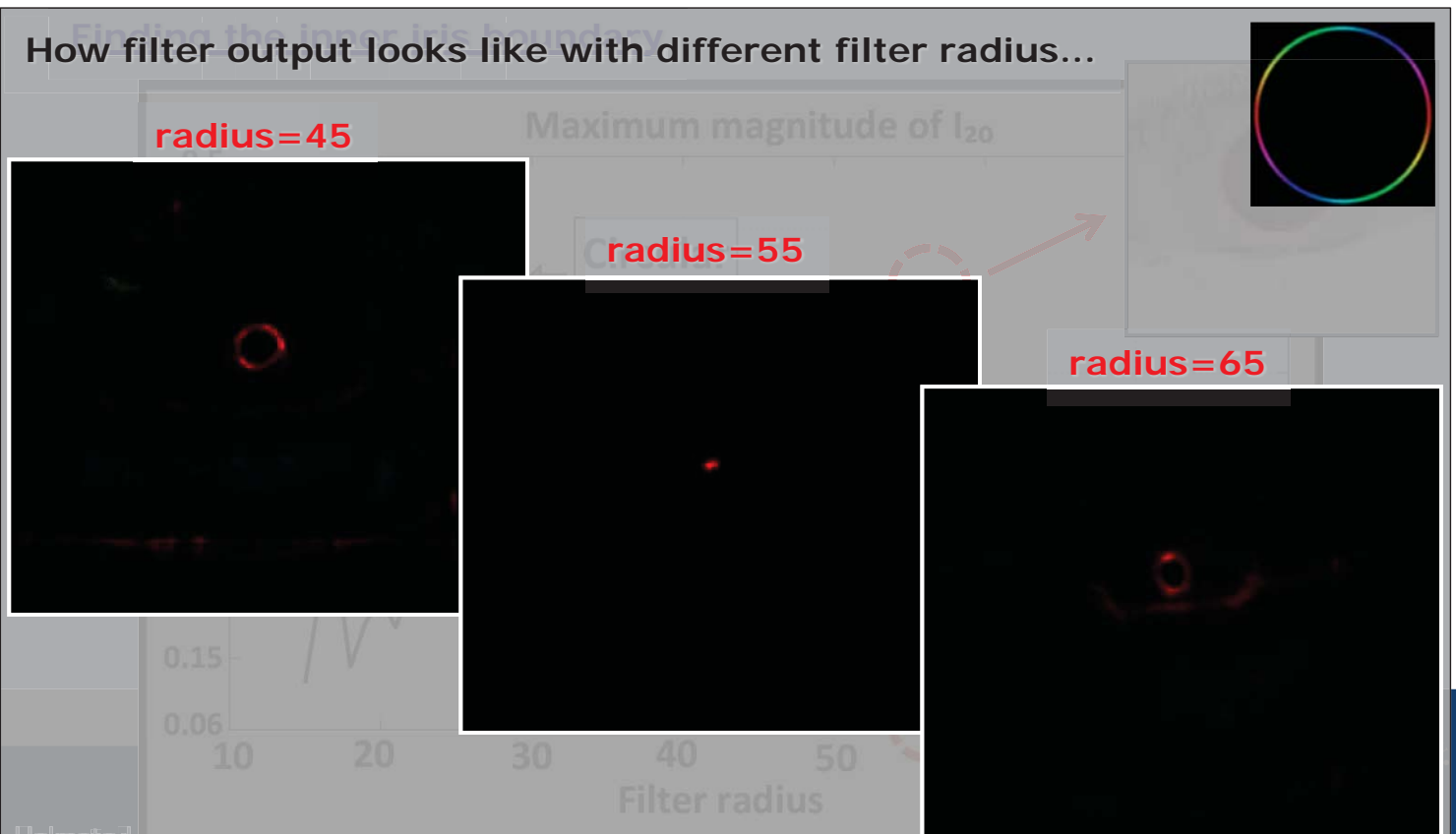
## Finding the inner iris boundary



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How filter output looks like with different filter radius...

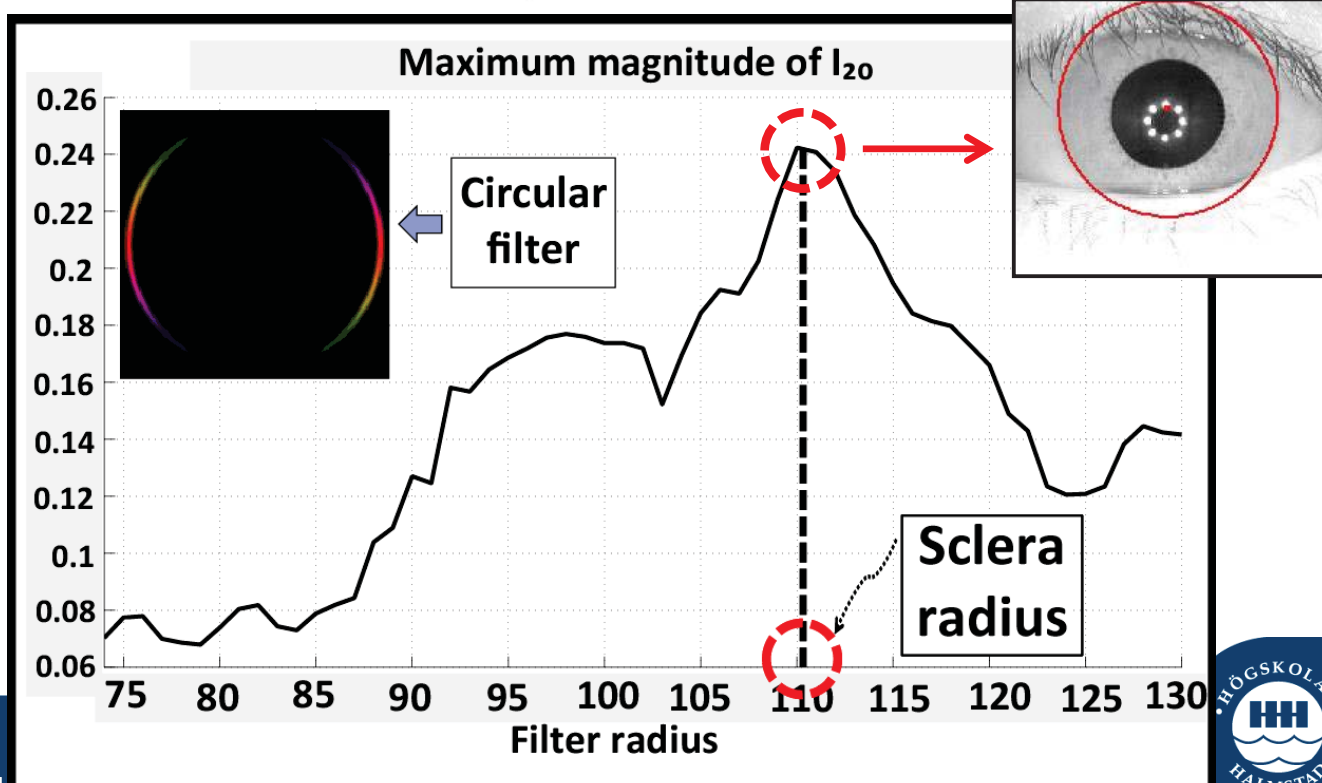




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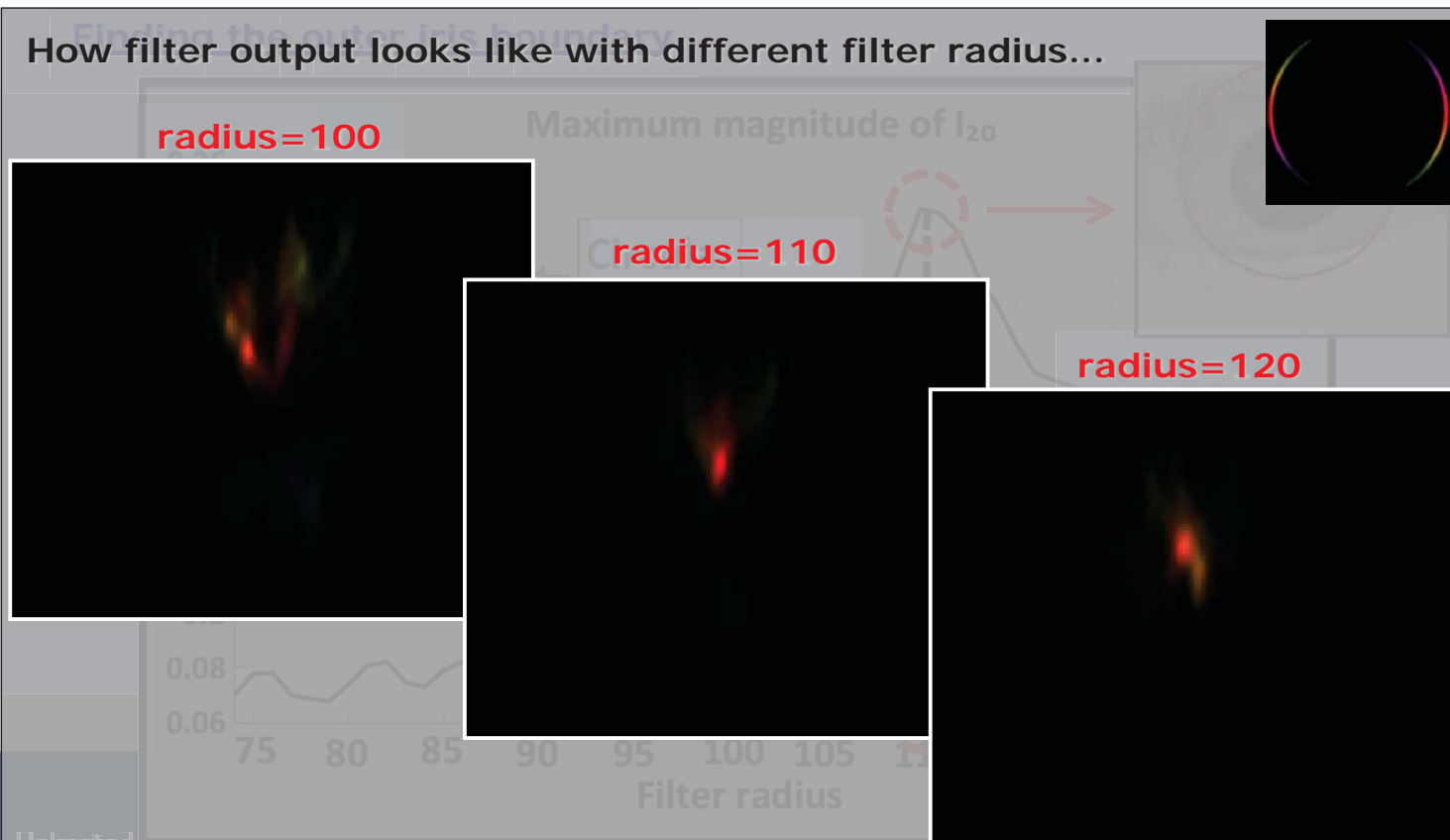
## Finding the outer iris boundary



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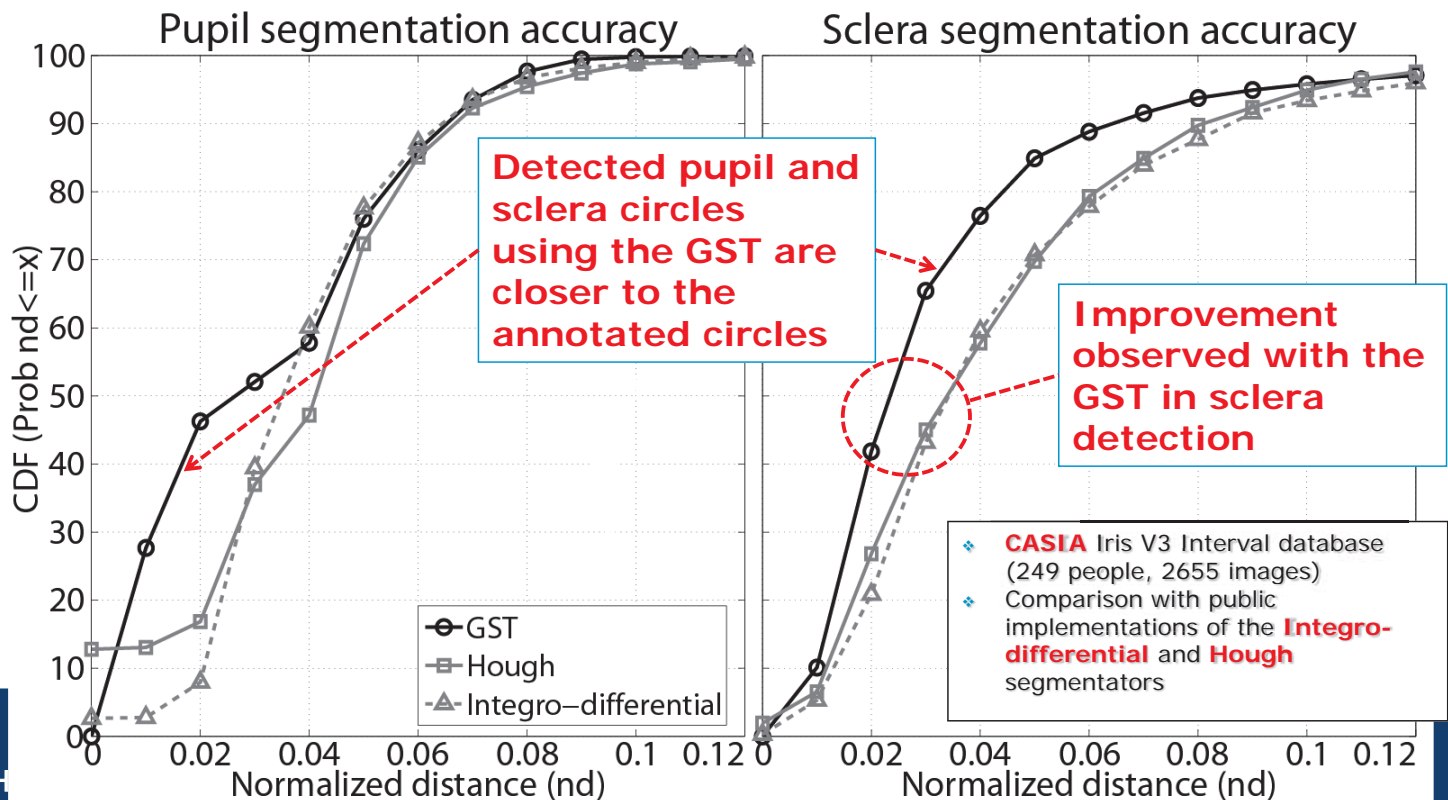
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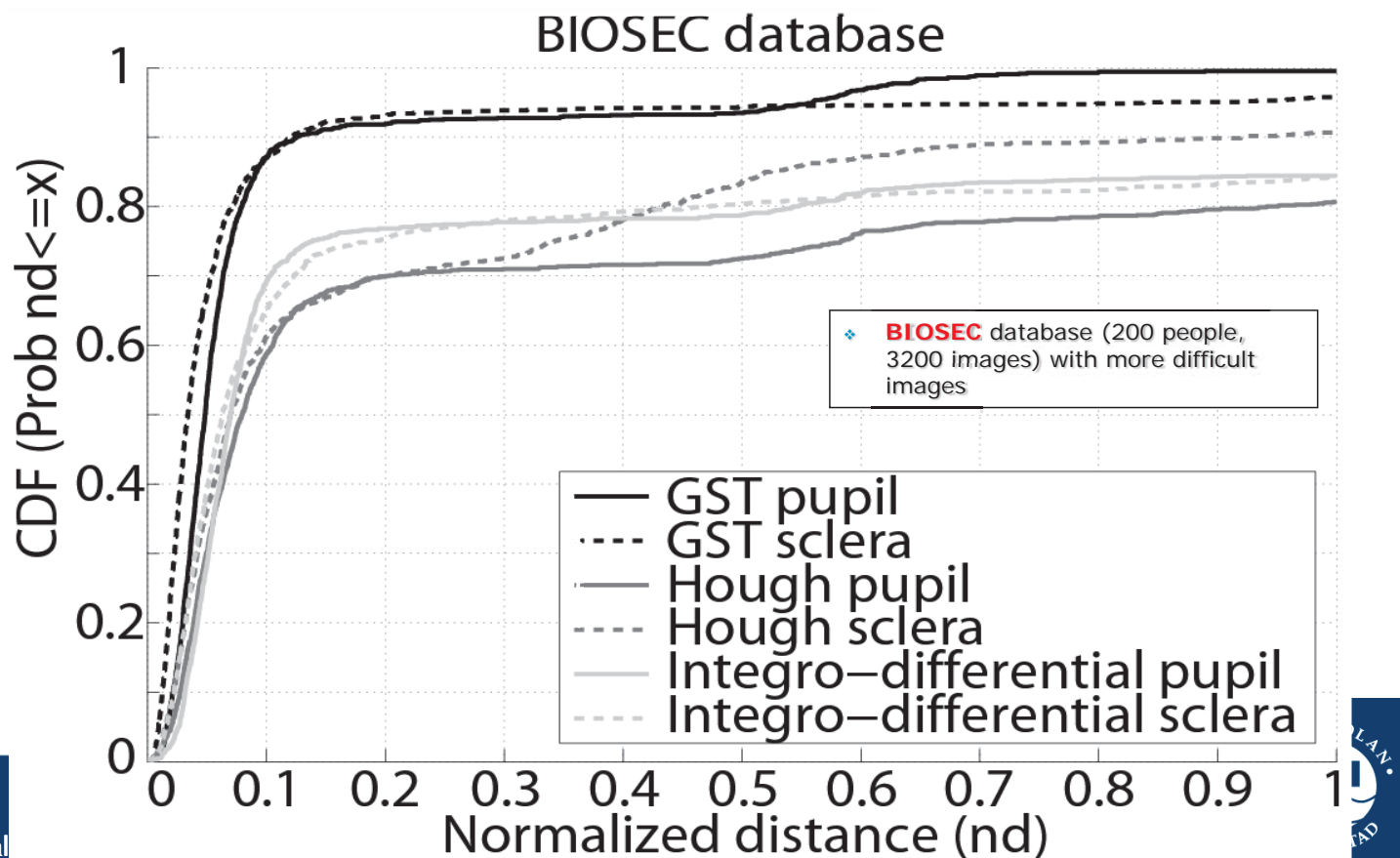
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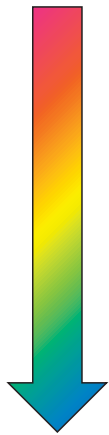
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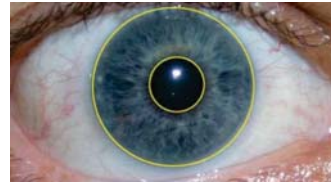
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## Periocular Analysis

### Levels of facial analysis:

**“Far”:** whole face

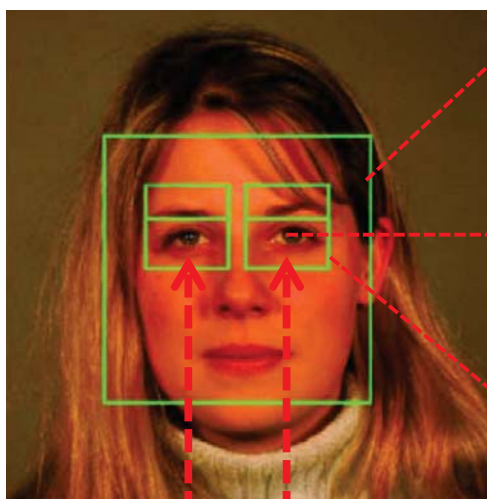
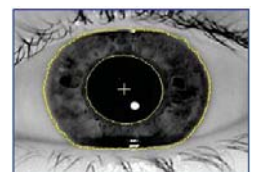
- ❑ Occlusion, lightning, background...
- ❑ Unavoidable in some applications (forensics, mobile devices...)

**“Close”:** iris texture

- ❑ Reliable acquisition (resolution, off-angle...)
- ❑ Works better in NIR range

**“Medium”:** periocular

- ❑ Available over a wide range of distances, even when the iris texture cannot be reliably obtained or under partial facial occlusion
- ❑ ...and with existing face/iris acquisition setups
- ❑ Relaxation of user cooperation
- ❑ Revived attention (mobile devices, distant acquisition, surveillance...)

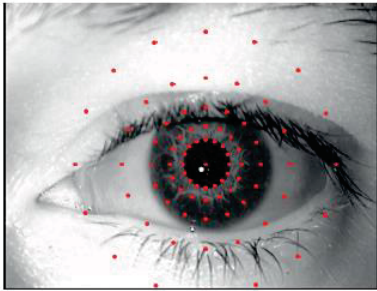


**PERIOULAR REGION**  
face region in the immediate vicinity of the eye  
(including eyes, eyelids, eyelashes and eyebrows)

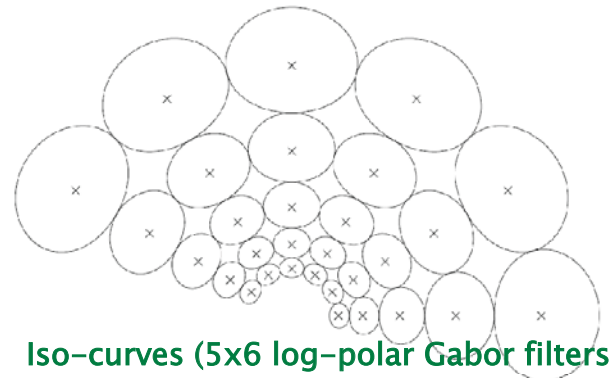
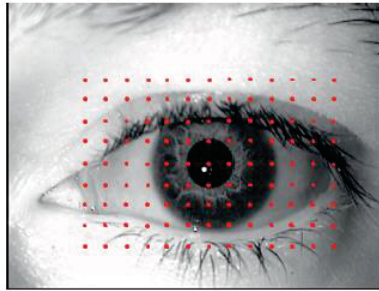


# Periocular recognition using retinotopic sampling and Gabor decomposition of the spectrum

Circular sampling



Rectangular sampling



Iso-curves (5x6 log-polar Gabor filters)

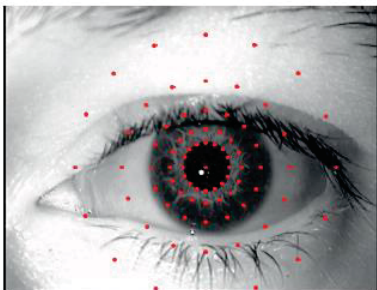
- **Databases:** CASIA (249 people, 2655 images), BioSec (200 people /3200 images)
- **Sampling grid:**
  - Circular vs. square
  - Fixed vs. variable dimensions
- **Matching using Gabor decomposition:**
  - Magnitude vs. phase information from complex responses
  - Rotation compensation between test and query images

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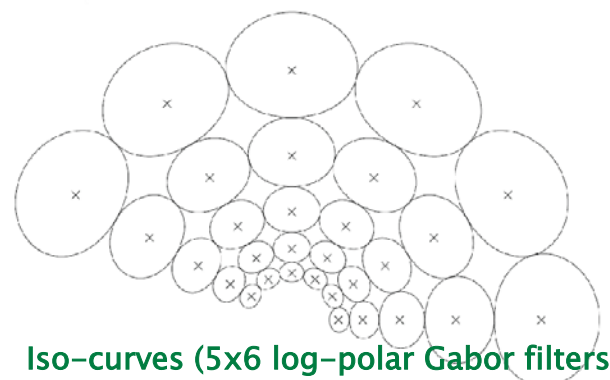
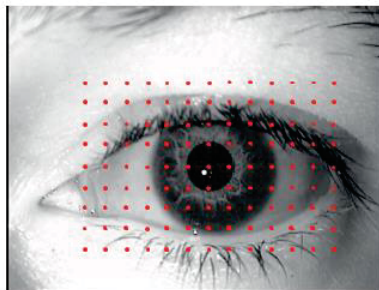


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- **Best figures:** EER = 5.7% (CASIA) and 13.9% (BioSec, intersession)
- **Competitive** in comparison with results reported in the literature for other approaches:
  - LBPs: 19%
  - GO: 22%
  - SIFT: 7%

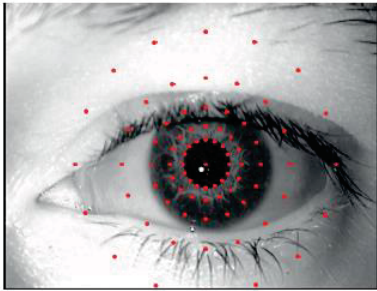
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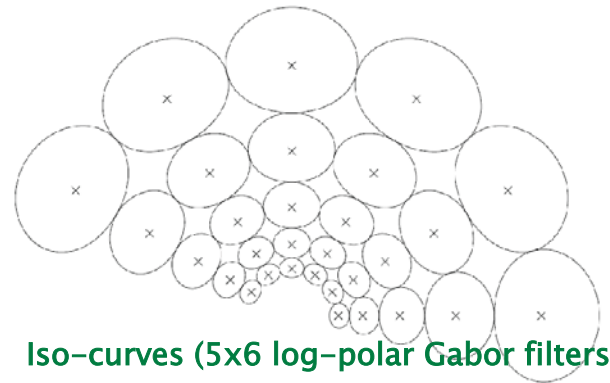
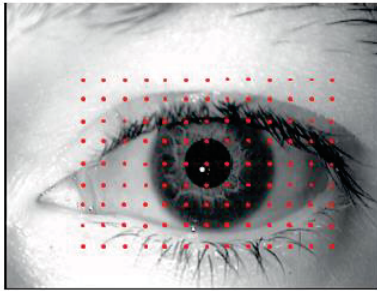


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- **Other interesting outcomes:**

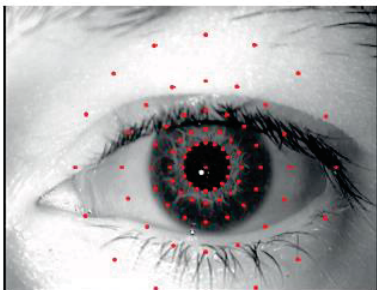
- **Rotation compensation** during matching can be suppressed without sacrificing recognition accuracy
- Performance is not substantially affected with grids of **fixed dimensions** -> no accurate iris segmentation needed, only the center of the eye

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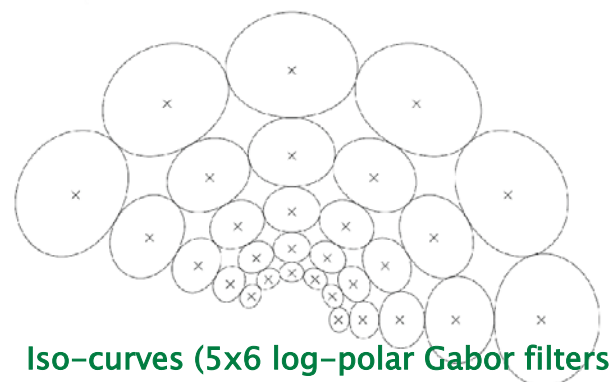
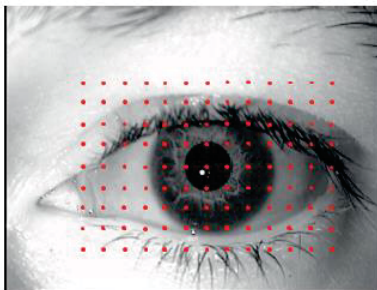


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- **Current directions:**

- **Detection** of the periocular region
- Applicability to less-constrained conditions, where **accurate detection** of the iris and/or its position is not guaranteed

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# First ICB Competition on Iris Recognition



## Submission based on:

- Pupil boundary detection (only) using the presented GST segmentation system
- Recognition by fusion of:
  - Periocular system described and
  - SIFT keypoints



Fig. 1. Example of iris images from the ICIR2013 training database (CASIA-Iris-Thousand).

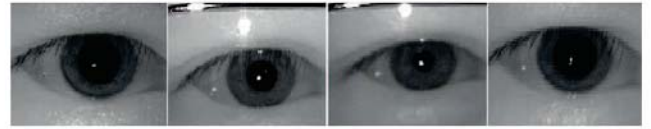
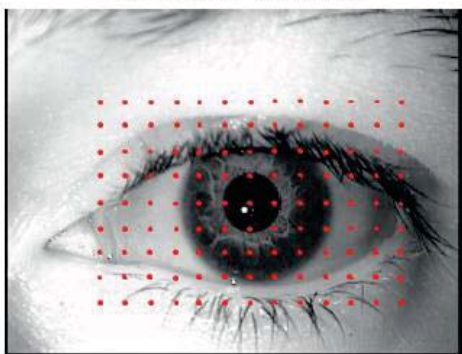


Fig. 2. Example of iris images from the ICIR2013 testing database (IR-TestV1).

Rectangular sampling



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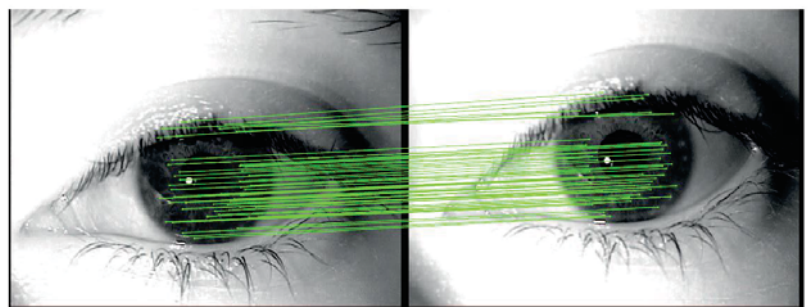


Fig. 7. Matching of two iris images using the SIFT operator.

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# First ICB Competition on Iris Recognition



## Testing Results of The First ICB Competition on Iris Recognition (ICIR2013)

Rank	Developers	Organization	Country	FNMR@ FMR=0.0001	EER
1	Wu Su	Zhuhai YiSheng Electronics Technology Co. Ltd	China	7.09%	2.75%
2	Fernando Alonso-Fernandez Josef Bigun	University of Halmstad	Sweden	9.24%	3.19%
3	Stephane Derrode	Institut Fresnel (CNRS UMR 7149)	France	42.16%	9.33%

Number of participants: 8 developers from 6 countries

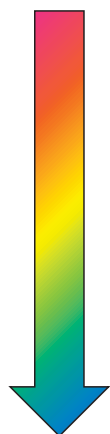
Number of algorithms: 13

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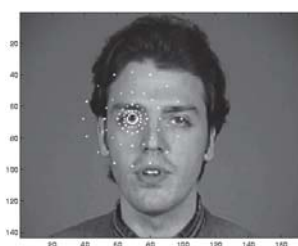
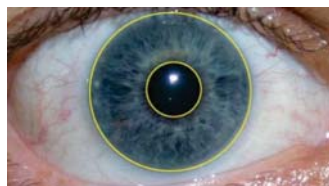
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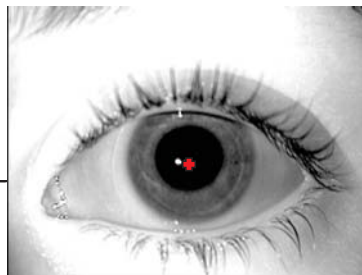
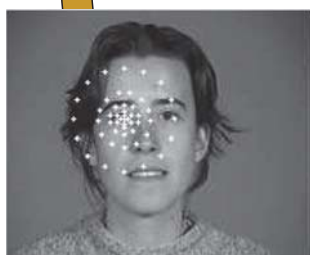


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## Facial Analysis

- ☐ Face and eye detection
- ☐ Identity by face

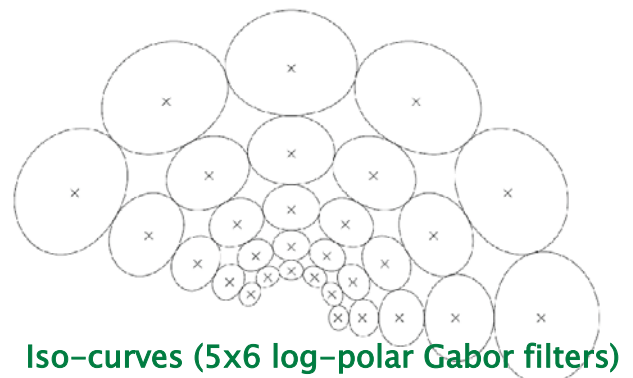
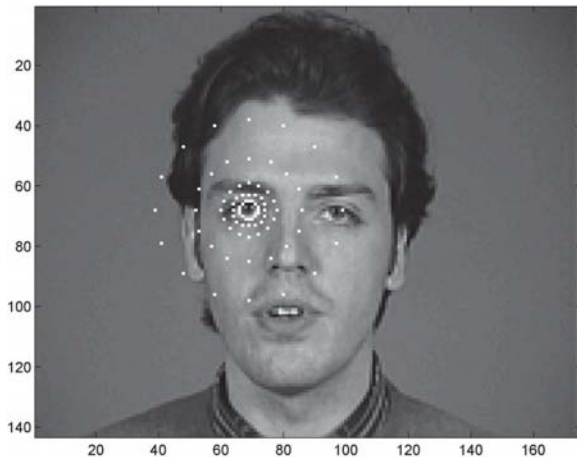




# Face detection with retinotopic sampling

**Local descriptors** by averaging the Gabor responses from the **center** of the **eyes** and the **mouth** of a training dataset

- Vectors with orientation-selective responses for each frequency channel
- **Separate models** for each eye and the mouth

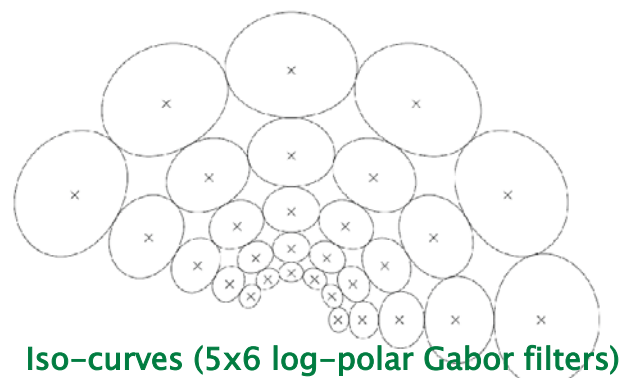
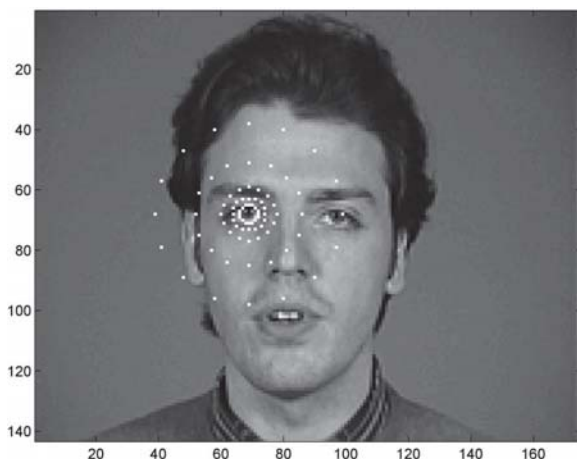


Iso-curves (5x6 log-polar Gabor filters)

# Face detection with retinotopic sampling

## Biological analogy of this model

- Eyes and mouth are the main regions of interest for the brain
- Photoreceptors in the retina are arranged exponentially, with more focus of attention (~photoreceptors) in the center
- The Gabor decomposition mimics the simple cells of the primary visual cortex having the same receptive field but different spatial directions and frequencies



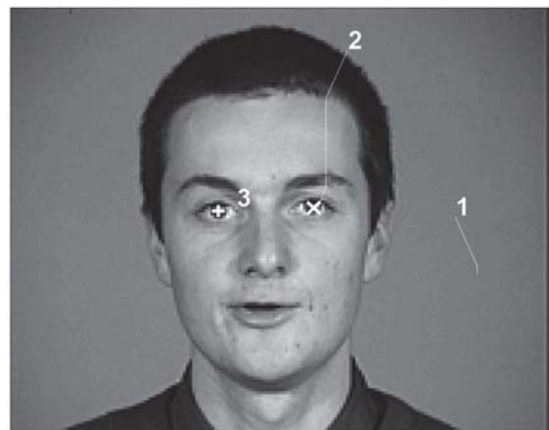
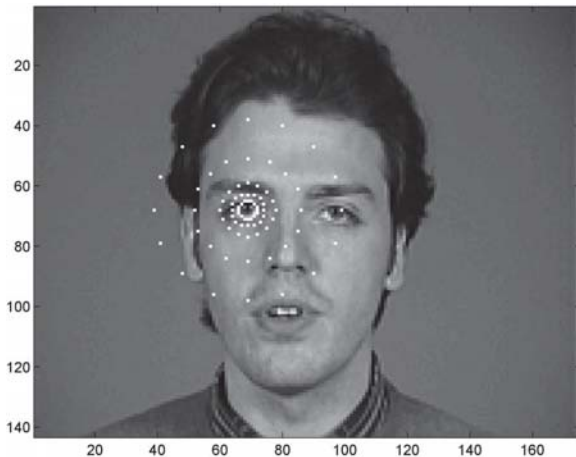
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# Face detection with retinotopic sampling

## Saccadic search

- Humans do not explore the image in a raster-like fashion, instead, they perform rapid jumps (saccades) between regions of interest
- Search until convergence (maximum SVM response), which is finer as the maximum is approaching since the grid is denser at the center



# Face detection with retinotopic sampling

## Results with M2VTS (349 images) and XM2VTS (2388 images)

Frontal images, four sessions separated by a significant time interval

### M2VTS:

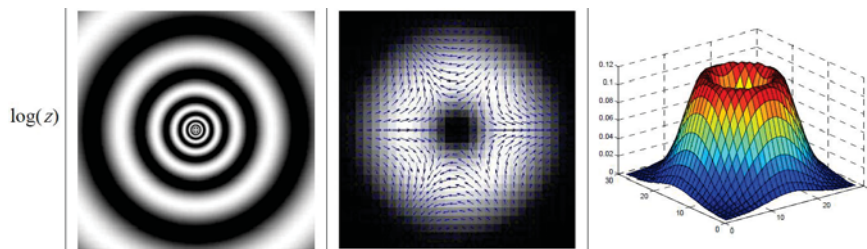
- 1.4% images: misdetection of one eye
- 98.6%: all features detected

### XM2VTS:

- 0.3% images: complete erroneous detection (no landmarks detected)
- 99.5% : at least two features detected
- 97.4%: all features detected

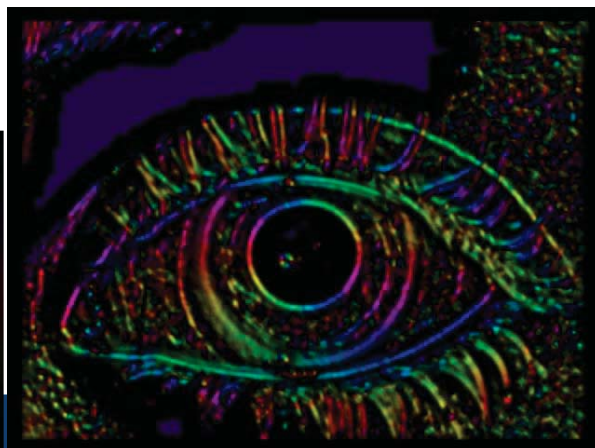
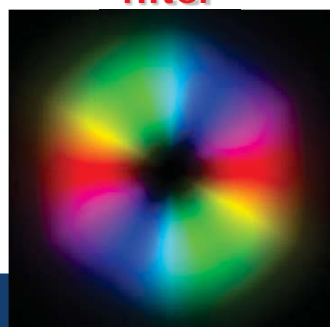


# Eye detection using symmetry filters (GST)



$$I_{20} = \sum_p c[p] (f_x[p] + if_y[p])^2$$

(complex)  
filter



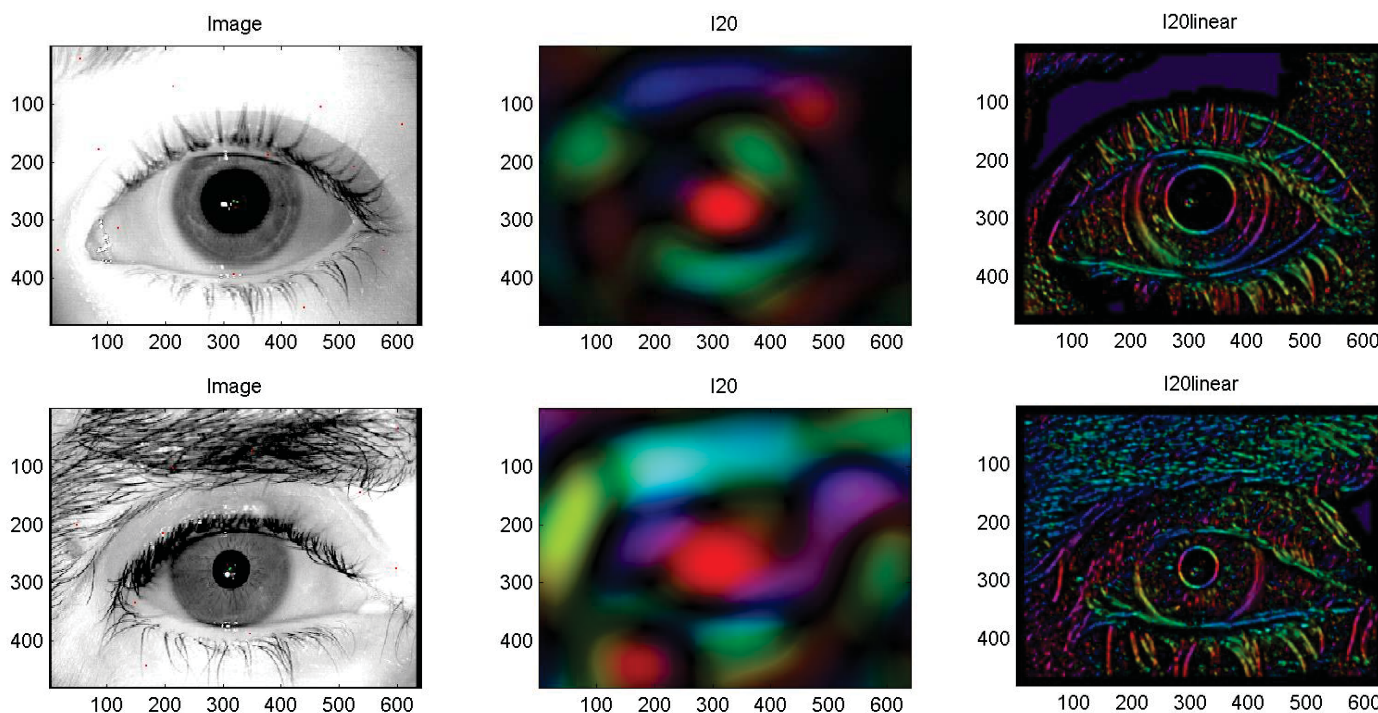
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# Eye detection using symmetry filters (GST)

**Examples with BioSec:** close-up NIR iris sensor



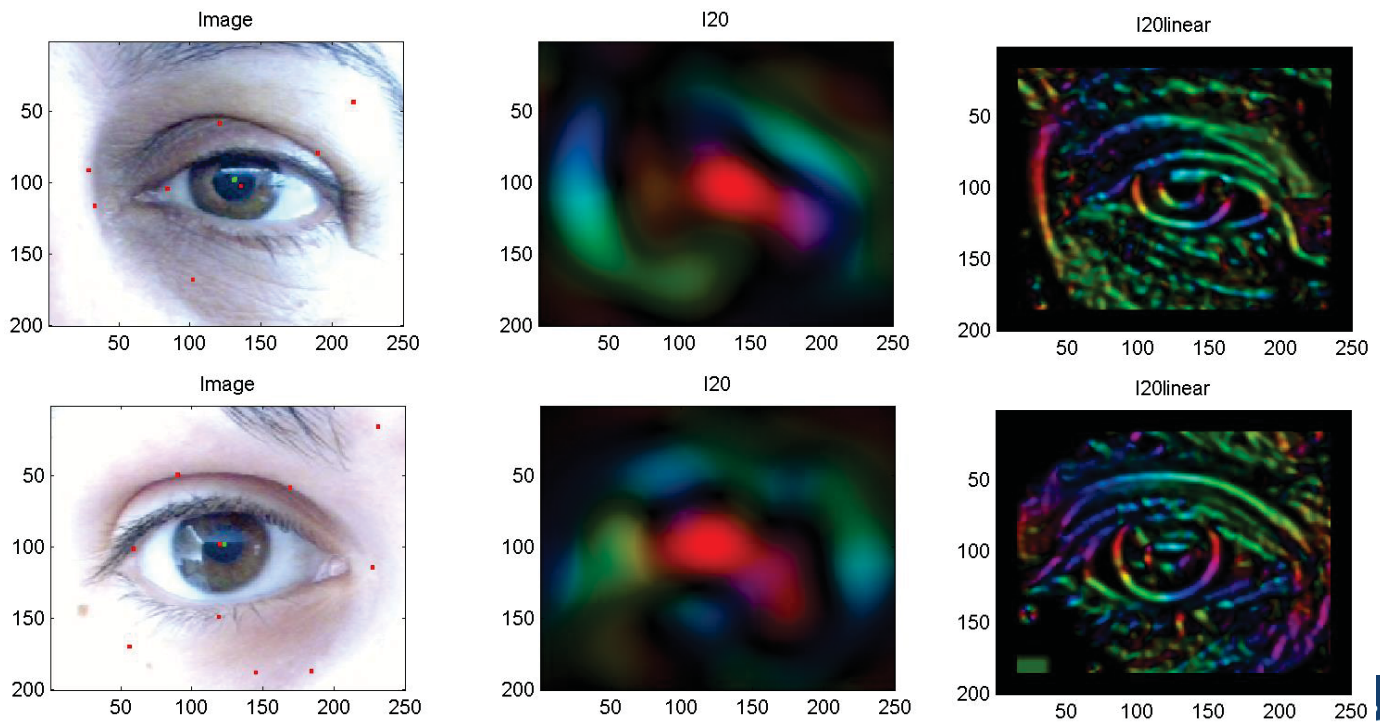
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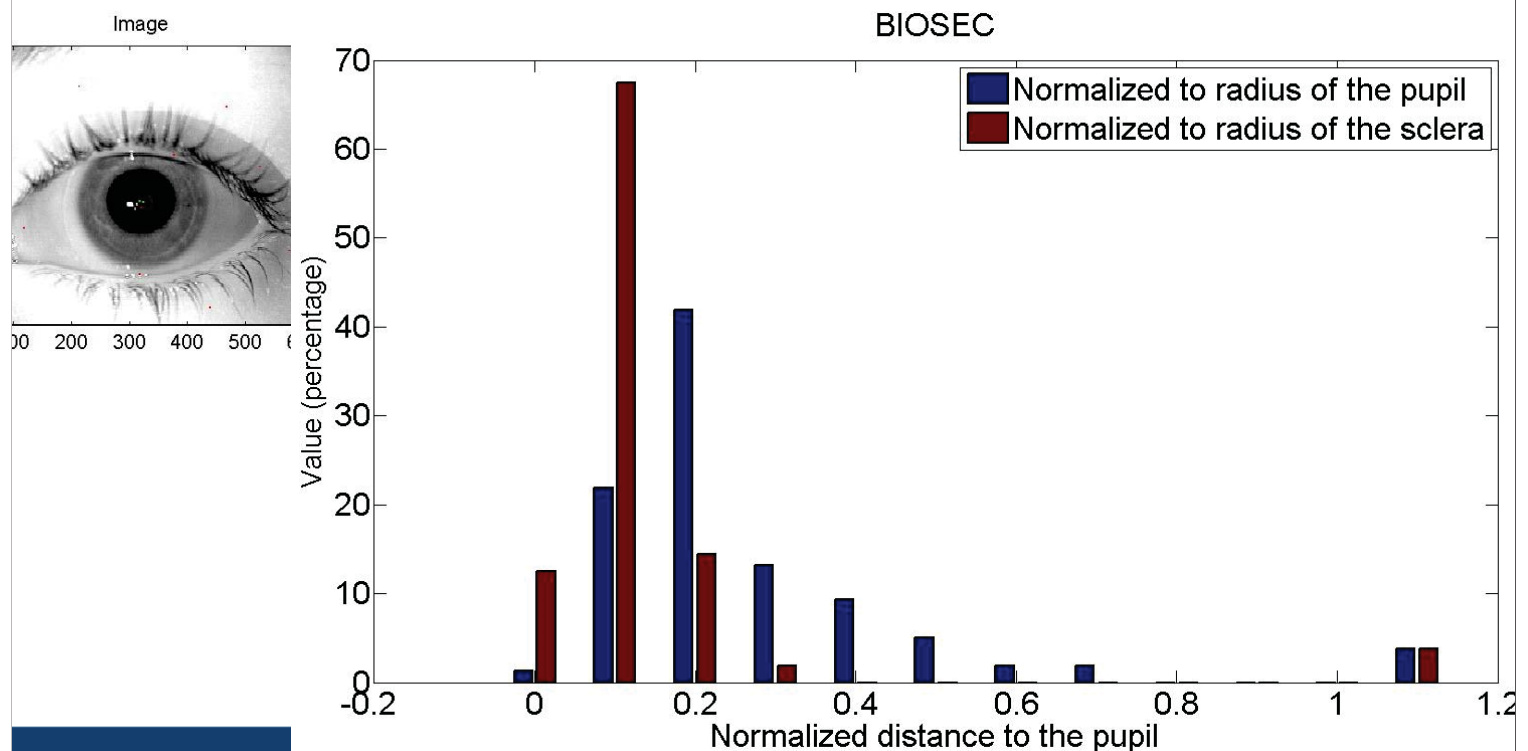
# Eye detection using symmetry filters (GST)

**Results with MobBIO:** tablet PC webcam (visible range)



# Eye detection using symmetry filters (GST)

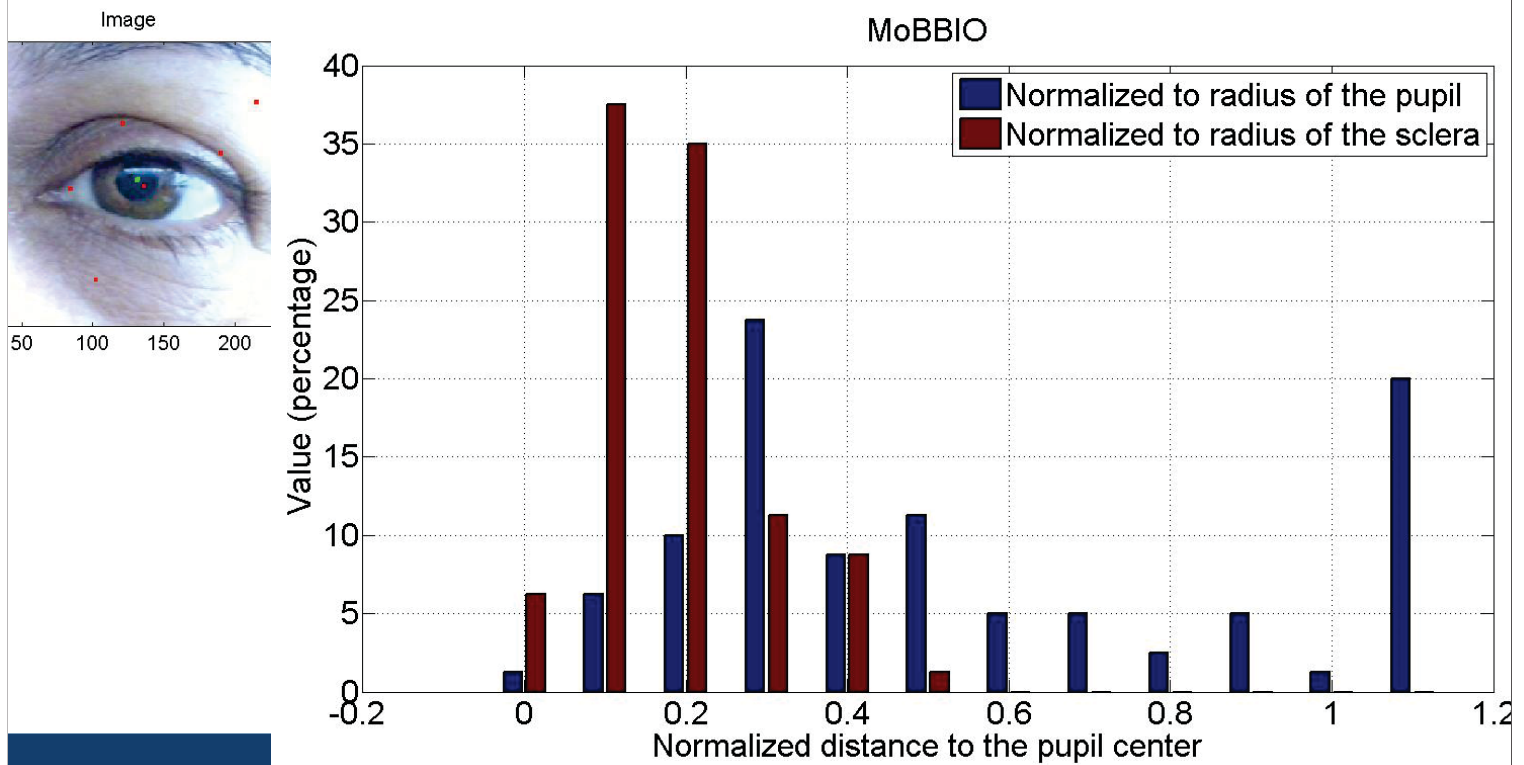
**Results with BioSec (160 images):** close-up NIR iris sensor





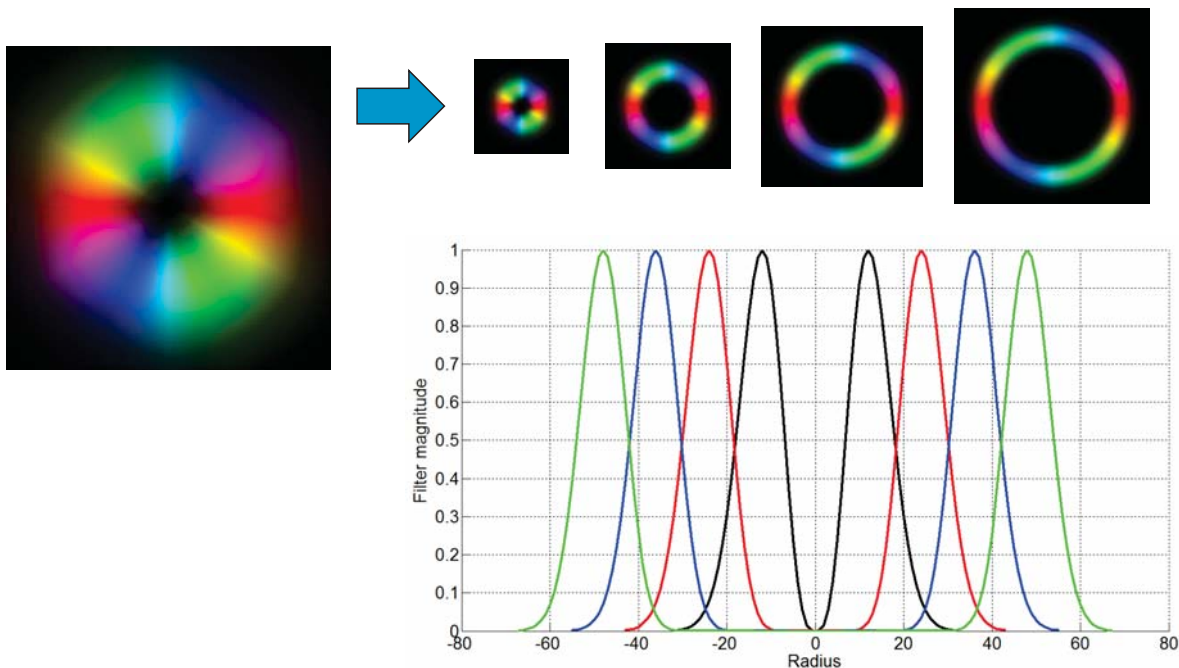
# Eye detection using symmetry filters (GST)

**Results with MobBIO (80 images):** tablet PC webcam (visible range)



# Eye detection using symmetry filters (GST)

**On-going work:** improving the selectivity of the filter with sub-bands

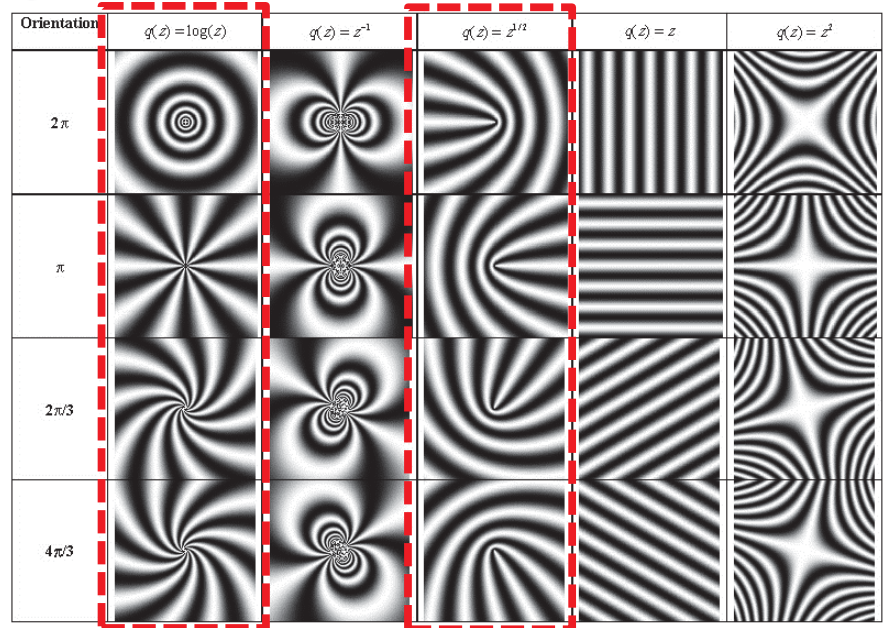
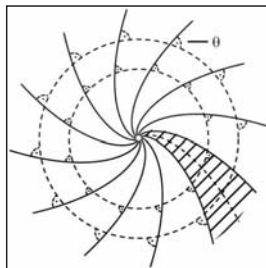




# Face detection using symmetry filters (GST)

## On-going work:

- use other families of symmetry filters resilient to different perturbations
- use full face images and detect other landmarks (nose, mouth)... separately
- use less-constrained images (low cost devices, difficult environment)



Rotation and scale invariant

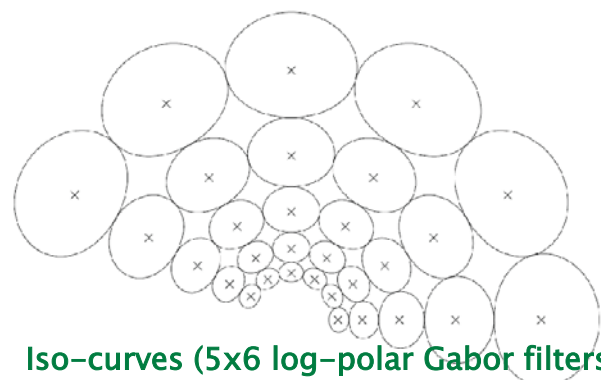
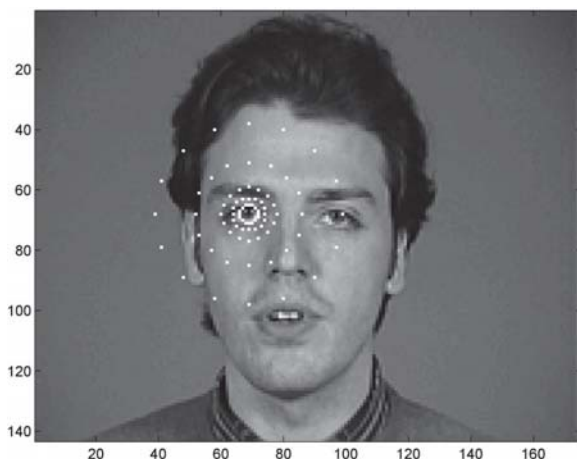
Maintains its appearance under scale and in-depth rotations



# Face recognition using retinotopic sampling and Gabor decomposition of the spectrum

## Same framework as presented for periocular recognition

- Three classifiers based on Gabor responses with the grid on the eyes and the mouth (tested NN, KNN and SVM)
- Expert fusion of the three classifiers

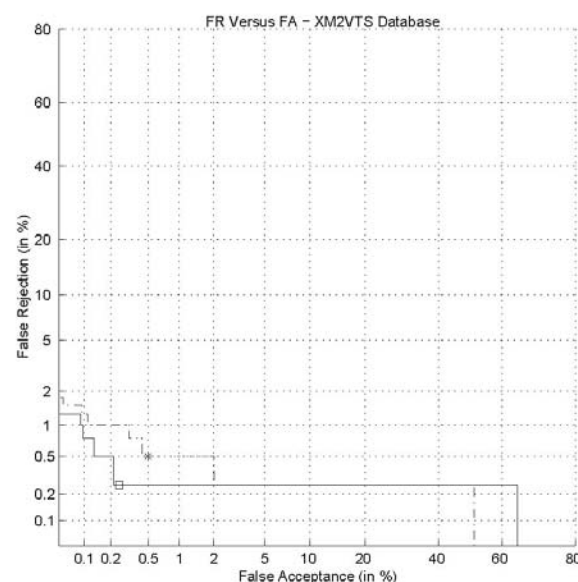
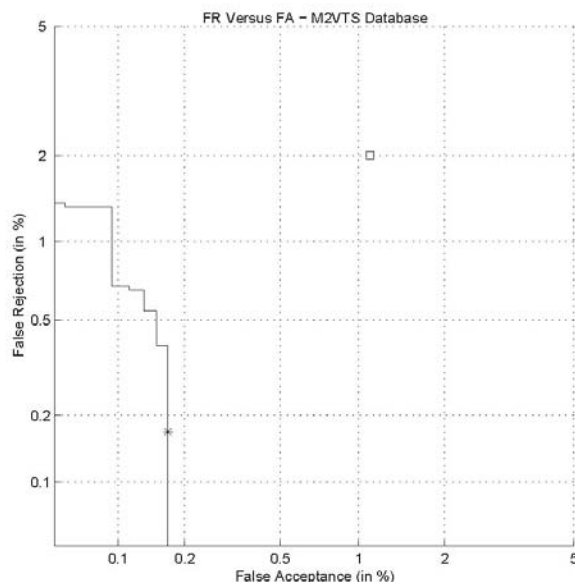


Iso-curves (5x6 log-polar Gabor filters)

# Face recognition using retinotopic sampling and Gabor decomposition of the spectrum

**Results with M2VTS (349 images) and XM2VTS (2388 images)**

- **M2VTS:** EER=0.15% (three images per person for training)
- **XM2VTS:** EER=0.50%/0.25% (four/six images per person for training)



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